

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Level 3
Communications, LLC's Petition for
Arbitration Pursuant to Section 252(b) of
the Communications Act of 1934, as
Amended by the Telecommunications
Act of 1996, and the Applicable State
Laws for Rates, Terms, and Conditions
of Interconnection with Qwest
Corporation

FIFTH PREHEARING ORDER

This matter came on before Administrative Law Judges Kathleen D. Sheehy and Steve M. Mihalchick for a prehearing telephone conference at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2007.

Scott Porter, Esq., Level 3 Communications, Inc. (Level 3), One Technology Center, Tulsa, OK 74103; Denise Cook, Esq., 1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, CO 80021; and Gregory Merz, Esq., Gray, Plant, Mooty, 500 IDS Center, 80 South Eighth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, appeared for Level 3.

Thomas Dethlefs, Esq., Qwest Services Corporation, 1801 California Avenue, Suite 1000, Denver, CO 80202, appeared for Qwest.

Linda S. Jensen, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 900, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, appeared on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department).

Based on the agreement of the parties and all of the files and proceedings, the Administrative Law Judges make the following:

ORDER

The procedural schedule is revised as follows:

Technical Conference, 9:30 a.m. in the
Commission Offices at 121 Seventh Place East,
Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota. February 6, 2007

•All parties file simultaneous Reply Testimony February 28, 2007

All parties file Prehearing Briefs, if desired. March 16, 2007

Level 3 and Qwest file joint witness schedule. March 30, 2007

Evidentiary Hearing, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the
Commission Offices at 121 Seventh Place East,
Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota. April 11-13, 2007

Post-hearing briefs due. Three weeks after
transcript is available

Recommended Decision due. Four weeks after post-
hearing briefs are filed

Dated: January 29, 2007

s/Kathleen D. Sheehy
KATHLEEN D. SHEEHY
Administrative Law Judge

s/Steve M. Mihalchick
STEVE M. MIHALCHICK
Administrative Law Judge